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Dear Harold,

Sorry I don't have the copies of the documents you requested yet, but my filing is a bit screwed up and as usual I am very busy. I have had a number of eye exams in the past week which consume a great deal of time because they leave your eyes dilated for quite some time afterwards. I am making at least 2 public appearances per week and also teaching a course in the assassination as part of the Free University. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, there are the things from the Archives plus the stuff I am doing for Sprague, the girls, Martin, etc., all of whom are hard to reach. I will be getting a car soon which will make an enormous difference in what I am able to do, so I'll be a bit more reliable in the near future. I still have my fingers crossed about the people who expressed interest in Coup.

The Fishers, the couple who told me about Shoenbrun's conversation with JFK on Nov.1, 1963, and who bought me a plane ticket home while I was in the hospital have just done another amazing thing for me. They have given me a very good slide projector with a circular tray which holds 100 slides and an ordinary tray also. Since I show many slides when I speak in public this is a decided advantage. Previously, I always had to make arrangements for one. They are the ones who are exposing me to the type of people who have the money to sponsor Coup. Furthermore, I have recently made contact with some of the leaders of the negro community out here which may be interested.

Patsy is at work on the Howard photos and will do the enlarging. They should be done by the end of the week so tell Steve Burton that I will mail his back then. He sent me several individual photos plus a photo of a bulletin board with smaller photos of unusual shape stapled onto it, but I recall that you had a group photo or two. I could get Patsy to make blowups of those faces if you can spare them for a week. He is anxious to get a crack at anything you have--Alyea, et. al.

I have written to Sprague to see if he knows of Flip Schulke of Blackstar. Please ask Matt about him. He is currently in Florida. He has a great many photos of Dealy Plaza. Patsy dug him up through a mutual friend so if nobody has the photos and Matt can't get them, we could try from this end.

I have not yet been able to get up to see Fowler. When I go I will carry with me a personal letter from Hargis which should help in lossening his tongue. I got onto Penabez through discovering the Fowler interviews and allegations. I have written Hal about the 2 pgs. from CD 131. The only reason that I wouldn't have the page numbers is because I don't think that there were any. We have got to get this stuff. As I remember it, those pages were among the most important things we located, but I can't for the life of me remember why.

It would be good if everyone who does interviewing had the blowups from Altgens and the other pictures in the Plaza. If you have copies perhaps I could have Patsy make a set including a number of extras for you.

Don't worry about the Martin affadavit. When I get him to make it out you will get a copy. I always send things only to you. By the way, if you have copies of my memo regarding McNabb and the one regarding Kroman's reaction to it, could you send a copy to Louie. I have written Hal for them so that I can get my copies back. I trust that you got the copy of the Bolden letter I sent.

Glad to hear that you got some stuff from Matt. I had been pushing Chris Kefalos to ask Matt for the index cards they make up in addition to the tapes, and Chris had promised to get them and make me a set.

Do you know anything about Sergio Carbo, Director of the Executive Council of the Inter-American Press Association who was quoted by Castro (in a speech) as having said: "I believe that a coming serious event will oblige Washington to change its policy of peaceful coexistence." It allegedly came from AP Cable, Nov.19, 1963, # Miami 254 but can't be located.

Also, Col. Chesley Clark, retired mentioned by Revilo Oliver (XV pp725, 729, 736) as the source of info (from "crypto-communist sources") that the American people were in for a great shock at Thanksgiving. You might try him out on Col. Castorr.

Stuff from the Archives: 1. CD 853 withheld--Manuel Rodriguez, 5310 Columbia, Dallas
2. CD 166--Atlanta--pages withheld :25,29,30,31--Dec. 12, 1963--3. CD966 only Hoover letter declassified--CIA memo of March 10, 1964 concerning Eugene J. Hobbs classified (sent from Mr. C.R. Wilson, ONI) on May 13, 1964)--4. VolXXII, p196 (CE1156) Marina asked about Paine's notation on her calendar as "Oct 23--LHO purchase of rifle" but in CE 401 (Vol.17, pg59) only an "X" for Oct.23 crowd & 5.Altgens Vol.VII, p519 introduced CE203 into evidence, pg523 points to Dal Tex--but this isn't visible in the CE203 published by the commission
6. CD 169 Arkansas: seemingly a check on who might have called or received a call from Dallas--no explanation provided in document for its purpose--this could be another case of an operator remembering a call from Dallas prior to the assassination. Pg. 9 withheld-refers to TU 3-0926, Mrs. Lois Wallis, 4323 Kinkead Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark. Persons on declassified pages include the boyfriend (unnamed) of the daughter of Mrs. Marvin J. Allen, the sister in law of Florence Hosken, and the son of Mrs. Lula C. Hill. Anybody named Hill? (in Mesquite, Texas)
7.CD 192-Memphis--pg.5 withheld--deals with James Frederick Murphy or O.Gerald Murphy, possible acquaintance of LHO--according to CD 243 he was located by the FBI in Nashville (after a very lengthy search over much of the south) Does the name ring a bell? The time devoted to him suggests something important, but there are no good hints in the documents except concerning an allegation that LHO attempted to secure employment at The Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas where Murphy once worked.
8. Nadine Bestougeff was at YWCA in Houston (registered) bet. Aug. 22 and Nov. 11, 1963 according to FBI, LHO (or Hidell) were not at the YMCA during those dates. (CD372, SS Control # 1021)
9. CD 20, page 26 withheld
10.Have you seen: GA-1-SS File-Hoover letter of March 11, 1964--Mrs. Verdella Montgomery and her daughter Florine (Marshall, Texas) wanted to see the SS rather than FBI (Archives hasn't replied on this one yet.)
11. Commissioners all got copies of the supressed Hoaxes file--this is important
12. CE 1481: pp33-34 withheld (Frank. Knight, Herman Ripley, Robt. Hershey)
pp55-58 withheld (Dr. Joseph H. Martin
pp66-67, 74 withheld (John or James Mike O'Brien, aka J.F.Hugh O'Brien, aka. Patrick O'Brien, aka Patrick C. O'Hara

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These are both old and new leads, from the Archives plus some old notes I just found in my files and declassified.

According to the Saturday Review, Aug. 12, 1967, p66, Jimmy Breslin "followed the surgeon-in-charge into Emergency Room One in Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and the gravedigger to Arlington." Know anything about it? Breslin is an ex-reporter for the N.Y. Herald Tribune. There is a book about him published by our old friend Viking.

I just received info that every secret service man in the US was sent to Dallas during the period following the assassination. I am not sure of the reliability of this unusual statement but will discuss it further with the guy who works near where I live. He came up after an appearance I made last night. He has worked with HHH and knows all of the SS conected. Hope to be able to speak to several SS in the coming months. The pentagon man kept his mouth shut and was of no use. I hope that the CIA man is more useful, but I doubt it.

I got an offer to join the new corporation to investigate assassinations, but it was addressed to Gary MUrr at my address. I sent a reply to Fensterwald who is the temporary chairman explaining who I am and accepting with the assumption that it was meant for me. I then explained that Gary Murr was an investigator and should be included along with Matt and Chris who did the Memphis work and Norden who did the Malcolm X stuff. But I have misgivings since the list includes Lifton which is bound to lead to trouble. If you see Bud and remember, try to get this clarified.

Well, I'd better go now. Take it easy and enjoy your trip. Best wishes for productivity, naturally. Give my regards to Paul, Hal, and Steve.

Gary

PS. I still haven't heard from Robt. Sherrill or from David Shoenbrun (who is horrible with correspondence anyway). But I also haven't heard from Lillian Castellano to whom you suggested I write for the surveyor's diagrams. If you see her could you find out if I could buy one from her.

Kroman's girlfriend + private secretary, who has been w/ him from the beginning, appears to be a weak spot. I'm going to follow this one up.